

House Bill 1771

By: Representative Anderson of the 116th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Waynesboro, approved April 10,
2 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 3328), so as to change the method of filling vacancies in the office of
3 mayor and city councilmember; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Waynesboro, approved April 10, 1971 (Ga.
7 L. 1971, p. 3328), is amended by striking in its entirety Section 2.08 and inserting in lieu
8 thereof the following:

9 style="text-align:center">"SECTION 2.08.

10 style="text-align:center">Vacancy in office of mayor or council.

11 A vacancy shall exist if the mayor or a councilmember resigns, dies, moves his or her
12 residence from the city, has been continuously disabled for a period of six months so as to
13 prevent him or her from discharging the duties of his or her office, or is convicted of a
14 felony in office, a felony, in violation of this Act or a violation of the election laws of the
15 state. In the event a vacancy occurs on the city council when 14 or more months remain
16 in the unexpired term of office, the election superintendent of Burke County, within 15
17 days after the vacancy occurs, shall issue the call for a special election to fill the vacancy
18 for the remainder of the unexpired term. Such special election shall be called and
19 conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
20 the 'Georgia Election Code,' as now or hereafter amended. Any person elected to fill a
21 vacancy on the city council as provided in this paragraph shall possess the residency and
22 other qualifications required for the office. Any person elected in such special election to
23 fill such a vacancy shall take office immediately upon certification of the results of such
24 special election and qualification. In the event a vacancy occurs on the city council when

1 less than 14 months remain in the unexpired term of office, the remaining members of the
2 city council shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the
3 unexpired term of office. Any person appointed by the city council to fill a vacancy as
4 provided in this paragraph shall possess the residency and other qualifications required for
5 the office and shall take office immediately upon appointment and qualification. In the
6 event of a vacancy in the office of mayor, the election superintendent of Burke County,
7 within 15 days after the vacancy occurs, shall issue the call for a special election to fill the
8 vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. Such special election shall be called and
9 conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., as now or hereafter
10 amended."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.